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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. <b>09/170,864</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Edenson et al.</b>
	Examiner <b>Pierre E. Elisca</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2161</b>

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Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sep 24, 2001.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire THREE month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

#### Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) 1-24 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 25-42 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

#### Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 123

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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**DETAILED ACTION**

*Response to Amendment*

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 09/24/2001.
2. Claims 1-42 are pending.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claims 1-24 are allowed.
4. The rejection to claims 25-42 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being anticipated by Houvener et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,790,674) as set forth in the Office action mailed on 05/16/2001 is maintained.

*Response to Arguments*

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 09/24/2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

**REMARKS**

6. In response to claims 25-41, Applicant argues the prior art of record (Houvener et al.) Does not teach or suggest: "an identification system module... containing an authorization code describing which media players are authorized to read digital data from said digital storage medium". As stated in the Office action mailed 05/16/2001, page 6, this limitation is disclosed by Houvener in col 4, lines 1-12, col 6, lines 54-67, specifically wherein it is stated that at the point of identification terminal (or

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identification system module) and searches the database to find the unique image (or media players) data corresponding to the unique data..... Regarding to claims 31 and 32, the claimed invention have the similar limitations as claim 25 and therefore the same rejection applied.

***Conclusion***

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Pierre Eddy Elisca at (703) 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30AM. to 6:00PM.

If any attempt to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9769.

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